

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information processing system including:

a server;

a network; and

plural terminals each configured to be connected to the server via the network,

wherein the server provides data defining a virtual community space accessible from each of the terminals,

wherein each of the terminals provides a movement interpretation node configured to set forth parameters needed for interpretation of the movement of an associated virtual living object based upon user input and to provide the movement interpretation node to the server via the network, and

wherein the server provides a management node configured to determine at least some movements for each virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the movement interpretation node received from each terminal.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein

the movement interpretation node parameters include at least a parameter indicative of a structure of the virtual living object; and

the management node for the virtual living object manages at least the action of the virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the movement interpretation node parameters.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

building a virtual living object at a terminal;

determining a movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the associated virtual living object at the terminal;

connecting the terminal to a server via network;

building a virtual community space based on information supplied from the server;

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and

transmitting the virtual living object along with the associated movement interpretation node to the server to at least in part manage movement of the associated virtual living object in the virtual community space.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method as set forth in Claim 3, wherein the at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the associated virtual living object of the movement interpretation node include a parameter indicative of at least a structure of the virtual living object.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

connecting a server to a terminal via a network;

receiving data over the network from the terminal indicating a virtual living object built by the terminal and a movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the virtual living object node; and

generating a management node for determining at least one movement of the virtual living object in a virtual community space based on the movement interpretation node being received.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method as set forth in Claim 5, wherein:

the movement interpretation node includes at least one parameter indicative of at least a structure of the virtual living object; and

the management node for the virtual living object manages at least the action of the virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the at least one parameter.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

means for building a virtual living object ~~at a terminal~~ and determining an associated movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the virtual living object;

means for connecting ~~the terminal~~ to a server via a network;

means for building a virtual community space based on information from the server;

and

means for transmitting the virtual living object along with the associated movement interpretation node to the server to at least in part manage movement of the associated virtual living object in the virtual community space.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the movement interpretation node includes at least one parameter indicative of at least a structure of the virtual living object.

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Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus comprising:

- means for connecting to a terminal via a network;
- means for receiving terminal transmitted data from the network; and
- means for generating a management node for managing at least one movement of a virtual living object in a virtual community space based on a movement interpretation node being received as part of said terminal transmitted data,

wherein the terminal transmitted data indicates the virtual living object and the associated movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the virtual living object.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in Claim 9, wherein:

- the movement interpretation node includes at least one parameter indicative of at least a structure of the virtual living object; and
- the management node for the virtual living object manages at least the action of the virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the at least one parameter.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An information medium for carrying a computer program comprising the steps of:

- extracting data defining at least a structure of a virtual living object built for movement in a virtual community space;
- communicating the extracted data to a master manager configured to manage the movement of the virtual living object in the virtual community space; and
- moving the virtual living object based on the extracted data being used by the master manager to generate data to control at least one action of the virtual living object.

Claim 12 (New): An information processing system including:

a server;

a network; and

plural terminals each configured to be connected to the server via the network,

wherein the server provides data defining a virtual community space accessible from each of the terminals,

wherein each of the terminals provides a movement interpretation node configured to set forth parameters needed for interpretation of the movement of an associated virtual living object based upon user input and to provide the movement interpretation node to the server via the network, the parameters defining at least bones and joints of the associated virtual living object, limits of joint movement, and movement of the bones and joints, and

wherein the server provides a management node configured to determine at least some movements for each virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the movement interpretation node received from each terminal.

Claim 13 (New): The information processing system as set forth in Claim 12, wherein

the management node for the virtual living object manages at least the action of the virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the movement interpretation node parameters.

Claim 14 (New): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

building a virtual living object at a terminal;

determining a movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the associated virtual living

object at the terminal, the parameters defining at least bones and joints of the associated virtual living object, limits of joint movement, and movement of the bones and joints;
connecting the terminal to a server via network;
building a virtual community space based on information supplied from the server;
and
transmitting the virtual living object along with the associated movement interpretation node to the server to at least in part manage movement of the associated virtual living object in the virtual community space.

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Claim 15 (New): An information processing method comprising the steps of:
connecting a server to a terminal via a network;
receiving data over the network from the terminal indicating a virtual living object built by the terminal and a movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the virtual living object node, the parameters defining at least bones and joints of the associated virtual living object, limits of joint movement, and movement of the bones and joints, and
generating a management node for determining at least one movement of the virtual living object in a virtual community space based on the movement interpretation node being received.

Claim 16 (New): The method as set forth in Claim 15, wherein:
the management node for the virtual living object manages at least the action of the virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the at least one parameter.

Claim 17 (New): An information processing apparatus comprising:

means for building a virtual living object and determining an associated movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the virtual living object, the parameters defining at least bones and joints of the associated virtual living object, limits of joint movement, and movement of the bones and joints;

means for connecting to a server via a network;

means for building a virtual community space based on information from the server;

and

means for transmitting the virtual living object along with the associated movement interpretation node to the server to at least in part manage movement of the associated virtual living object in the virtual community space.

Claim 18 (New): An information processing apparatus comprising:

means for connecting to a terminal via a network;

means for receiving terminal transmitted data from the network; and

means for generating a management node for managing at least one movement of a virtual living object in a virtual community space based on a movement interpretation node being received as part of said terminal transmitted data,

wherein the terminal transmitted data indicates the virtual living object and the associated movement interpretation node setting forth at least some parameters needed for interpretation of at least some of the movements of the virtual living object, the parameters defining at least bones and joints of the associated virtual living object, limits of joint movement, and movement of the bones and joints.

Claim 19 (New): The apparatus as set forth in Claim 18, wherein:

c/ the management node for the virtual living object manages at least the action of the virtual living object in the virtual community space based on the at least one parameter.
